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1. ALTHOUGH THE INTENTIONS OF SOME LOCAL UNIONS INCLUDING ELEMENTS OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS ARE NOT YET CLEAR, A GENERAL STRIKE IS NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. MEANWHILE THE GOP ANNOUNCED THE RESUMPTION OF CLASSES STARTING MAY 29 FOR ALL SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES (ALTHOUGH THE TEACHERS STRIKE MAY STILL KEEP MOST SCHOOLS CLOSED) AND THE SHORTENING OF THE LIMA CURFEW TO MIDNIGHT TO 5 A.M. FOR FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE ASKED MAY 27 TO UPDATE THEIR LISTS OF REGISTERED NATIONALS BY MAY 29.

2. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (A LOOSE GROUPING OF LEFTIST LEADERS) OF THE MAY 22-23 STRIKE PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE MAY 27 STATING THAT RUMORS OF A "NEW" OR "INDEFINITE" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRIKE ARE TOTALLY DEVOID OF ANY FACTUAL BASIS. THE COMMITTEE IS PRESENTING TO GOP ITS DEMANDS FOR A SOLUTION TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS SUCH AS RELEASE OF DETAINED UNION LEADERS, COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS, AND THE LIFTING OF SUSPENSION OF PERIODICALS. COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED BY MOSCOW-LINE CGTP SECRETARY GENERAL CASTILLO, BY JUAN LUNA OF THE CHAUFFEURS FEDERATION AS WELL AS BY LEADERS

OF THE PRINTERS FEDERATION AND THE LIGHT AND POWER WORKERS. IN A SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN ASSOCIATION (CNA) CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF ITS DETAINED LEADERS AND RESPECT FOR CNA'S AUTONOMY. BANKWORKERS PLAN TO GO TO WORK MAY 29 BUT STAGE TWO HOUR STOPPAGE DURING DAY.

3. APRA-RELATED CTP ALSO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE MAY 27 STATING THAT NO REPEAT NO NEW STRIKE HAS BEEN DECLARED, CONDEMNING ATTEMPTS OF "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM" TO FRUSTRATE THE ELECTIONS JUNE 18, URGING WORKER PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN AND DEMANDING LIBERTY FOR ALL DETAINED UNION LEADERS.

4. AREQUIPA REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER GENERAL SCHROTH, AFTER REACHING SOME FORM OF AGREEMENT WITH WORKERS REPS, ANNOUNCED THE SUSPENSION OF THE INDEFINITE GENERAL STRIKE IN THAT DEPARTMENT. SEVEN OF NINE ARRESTED LABOR LEADERS HAVE BEEN FREED. (THE REMAINING TWO JUSTIANO APAZO ORDONEZ AND VALENTIN PACHO QUESPI WERE DEPORTED TO ARGENTINA AS REPORTED LIMA 4625 AND 4626.) SCHROTH SAID WORKERS' DEMANDS WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR RESOLUTION AND CALLED FOR FORMATION OF WORKING COMMITTEES TO STUDY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

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